

## BROAD-LEAVED CATTAIL

*Typha latifolia*

Located in freshwater marshes and shallows throughout the Division. Also known as Great-Reed-Mace, Cat-O-Nine Tails and others.

This tall (1 to 2.7 m high) plant is familiar to many people. The flowering stalk is composed of lighter colored male flowers on top (7 to 13 cm long) and dark brown female flowers below (2.5 to 20 cm long). The two flowering spikes are not separated by a gap (compare with *T. angustifolia* p. 20.03).

Leaves are wider (0.6 to 2.3 cm) than *T. angustifolia*. The young flowering spikes are about half the diameter of the fruiting spikes (male spike gradually disappears). Flowering in June and July; fruiting, August and September.



Fair food item for geese and occasionally for ducks; stalks and roots excellent food for muskrats and beavers; attracts wildfowl, marsh birds and songbirds. Supports insects which may feed birds and other wildlife.



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